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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Keep the copper line sharing requirements of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. We need more competition in internet service, not less.

I have been a customer of local ISP Omsoft in Davis, CA since the 1990s. Omsoft provides better customer service than the major telecoms. It protects privacy better than the major telecoms. It invests in technical innovation for the benefit of its customers.

We will lose all of that if you end access by local ISPs to the copper telephone network. Without local ISPs, there is no competition. Customers will be forced into bundled service they do not need and forced to pay exorbitant fees for broadband access.

Local ISPs are the only meaningful competition to the major telecoms. Keep the copper line sharing requirements.

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